Union Calendar No. 435

113TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 5108

[Report No. 113–588]

To establish the Law School Clinic Certification Program of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 15, 2014

Mr. JEFFRIES (for himself and Mr. CHABOT) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

SEPTEMBER 15, 2014

Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

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[For text of introduced bill, see copy of bill as introduced on July 15, 2014]

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-

tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. USPTO LAW SCHOOL CLINIC CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.

(a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Law School Clinic Certifi-
cation Program of the United States Patent and Trademark
Office, as implemented by the Office, is established as a pro-
gram entitled the "Law School Clinic Certification Pro-
gram". The Program shall allow students enrolled in a par-
ticipating law school's clinic to practice patent and trade-
mark law before the Office by drafting, filing, and pros-
ecuting patent or trademark applications, or both, on a pro-
bono basis for clients that qualify for assistance from the
law school's clinic. The Director shall establish regulations
and procedures for application to and participation in the
Program. All law schools accredited by the American Bar
Association are eligible for participation in the Program,
and shall be examined for acceptance using identical cri-
teria established by the Director. The Program shall be in
effect for the 10-year period beginning on the date of the
enactment of this Act.

(b) REPORT ON THE PROGRAM.—The Director shall,
not later than the last day of the 2-year period beginning
on the date of the enactment of this Act, submit to the Com-
mittees on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives

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1 *and the Senate a report on the Program, describing the*

2 *number of law schools and law students participating in*

3 *the Program, the work done through the Program, the bene-*

4 *fits of the Program, and any recommendations of the Direc-*

5 *tor for modifications to the Program.*

6   *(c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:*

7   *(1) OFFICE.—The term "Office" means the*

8 *United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

9   *(2) PROGRAM.—The term "Program" means the*

10 *Law School Clinic Certification Program established*

11 *in subsection (a).*

12   *(3) DIRECTOR.—The term "Director" means the*

13 *Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Prop-*

14 *erty and Director of the United States Patent and*

15 *Trademark Office.*

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